GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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LOAN FOR PURCHASING OF HIGH SPEED WAGONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Container Corporation of India has received a loan from the world Bank to purchase high speed wagons;

(b) if so, the amount of loan and terms and conditions thereof;

(c) the number of high speed wagons to be bought;

(d) the specific differences between the present wagons in use and the high speed wagons; and

(e) the extent to which new purchase is likely to improve the movement of containers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A statement is attached.

(c): The number of High Speed Wagons to be bought is 3225.

(d): A statement is attached.

(e): CONCOR has already acquired 1725 of the new High Speed Bogie Container Flat Wagons and these wagons have reduced the transit time of export-import containers between Tughlakabad (near Delhi) and Jawaharlal Nehru Port (near Mumbai) from over 100 hours on the conventional Indian Railways wagons to less than 48 hours on these new wagons. The services on these wagons have been found to be extremely popular with the trade and have also been introduced between Ludhiana and Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Moradabad and Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Sabarmati and Jawaharlal Nehru Port and Kanpur-Agra and Jawaharlal Nehru Port in addition to the services between Delhi and Jawaharlal Nehru Port.After meeting the demand of export-import traffic in containers, these wagons will also be utilised for movement of domestic goods on long routes such as between Delhi and Chennai.